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Rocky Mountains Colorado.

Home of the Blue Spruce



Ponderosa Pine.

This Pine has the longest needles of any Pine. It is undoubtedly the best of the three leaf Pine. Its form of growth is usually pyramidal. Color of foliage is a pleasing dark green. A perfectly hardy tree of rapid growth. Suitable for specimens, groups and screens.

Twice transplanted trees- 12-18 inches high.

3 for only \$ 1.00 -- Postpaid.

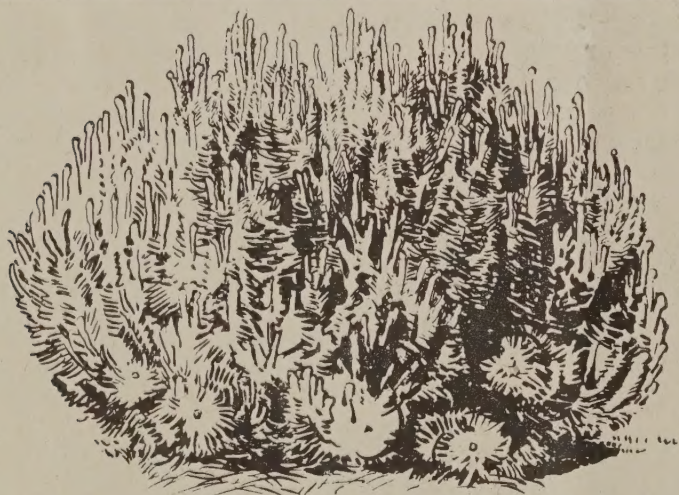


Scotch Pine.

If you want a fast growing ever-green plant a Scotch Pine. This splendid tree is very hardy, grows fast and withstands heat and dry weather. The Scotch Pine adapts itself to the most difficult conditions of soil, climate and trying exposure. A very handsome tree.

Twice Transplanted trees- 12-18 inches high.

3 for only \$ 1.00 -- Postpaid.



Dwarf Mugho Pine.

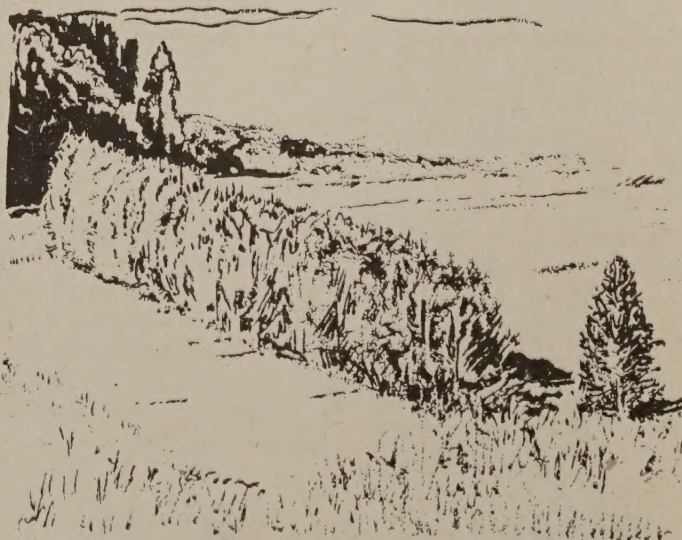
The Mugho Pine is one of the best and hardiest dwarf evergreens. Distinctly round and compact. In Spring, bright colored new shoots like tiny candles adorn them and contrast splendidly with other evergreens. Ideal for foundation planting, edging or low massing. It withstands smoke and city conditions, also tolerates partly shade. We offer the real dwarf type.

10 inch spread, twice transplanted. Each: 55¢-- 2 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

Dwarf Burning Bush.
(Evonymus nanus)

Here is a rare shrub of fine qualities which offers many uses for landscaping. It is very hardy, seldom grows more than 2 ft high. It imparts an unusual touch throughout the year, being quite gay in August when decked with its red fruit. And its brilliant scarlet foliage in fall. Makes a superb small hedge. Also can be used for edging, borders or as a specimen.

We offer strong plants 15 inch high
Each: 40¢ --- 3 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Our Colorado Blue Spruce Offer

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The Color of the Colorado Blue Spruce.

The color of the Colorado Blue Spruce is similar to the bloom or sheen on a grape or plum. It is a powdery substance that can be wiped off the needles. This accounts for the trees losing color after a hard winter of snow and ice. The new growth again shows the blue color. It must be remembered that only a certain percentage will grow

into blue Shiners. In young trees the color is less distinct but should get more pronounced as they grow older. Because of this we cannot guaranty the ultimate color and your order is only accepted with this understanding. We mention these facts so that our customers will not be disappointed upon delivery of the trees.

We Offer:

Twice transplanted trees.
6 years old, bushy.
Average height 12 inches.

3 for only \$ 1.00
Postpaid.

We also offer:

Some larger trees, heavy
and bushy, 3 times trans-
planted. 12-15 inch high.

2 for only \$ 1.00
Postpaid.



Dwarf Iris Collection.

No garden is complete without this most satisfactory of garden plants. Very floriferous and with a wide range of colors they combine especially well with other perennials in beds or borders, along fences, walls or pathways.

Spring Skies----Sky Blue
Aurea -----Yellow
Cyanea-----Purple
The Bride-----White

All 4 only 50¢ Postpaid.

4 Pyramidal Arbor Vitae.

This is a tall slender evergreen, one of the narrowest. Very popular. Retaining its rich green color throughout the year. It prefers a sunny location. Excellent for tall accent or to emphasize height or contrast. It reaches a height of about 10 feet. Seldom more than 3 feet at the base. Stands shearing very well.

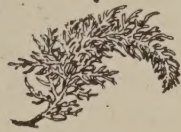


Twice trans-
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10-12 inches

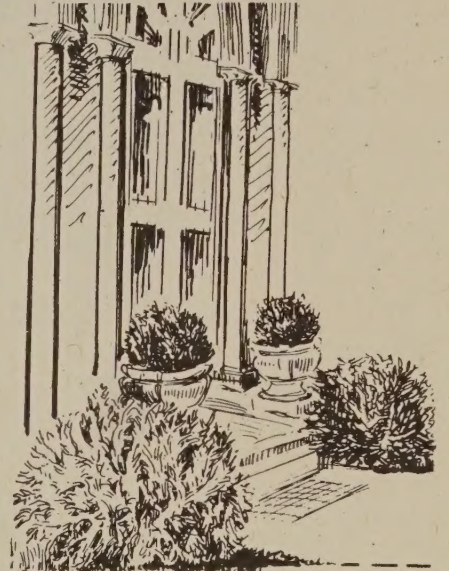
3 for \$ 1.00

Postpaid.



Globe Arbor Vitae.

The Globe Arbor Vitae is rather slow growing but of a compact rounded form. Excellent for fore-ground, for foundation groups or for potting. Makes a splendid low hedge requiring very little attention. Also used at the side of entrances. Foliage is dense, of lace-like appearance. One of the oldest and most popular forms.



Twice trans-
planted trees

8-10 inches

3 for \$ 1.00

Postpaid.

Bleeding Heart.

The charming blooms of the Bleeding Heart are beloved by all. One of the most delightful of the spring flowering plants. It was a favorite at grandmothers time and still is a gem for every garden.

Field grown roots ---- Each: 55¢-- 2 for only \$ 1.00.



Bechtels Flowering Crab.

Here is an opportunity to obtain the lovely Bechtels Crab at a low price. Not too much can be said about the beauty of this tree. A very shapely grower, forming a low round head. Branches are simple loaded with big, beautiful pink rosettes in early spring. Always blooms early when other blooms are not yet out, making a breath-taking sight.

We offer strong trees, about 3 feet high
Each: 75¢ ---- 2 for only \$ 1.40 Postpaid.

Visit our Salesground.



Telephone: Villa Park 898 R

If you live near Chicago, Illinois we extend a hearty invitation to visit our salesground. Our new nursery is located on U.S. Highway 30 also known as Roosevelt Road, about 20 miles west of Chicago, or to be more specific, 3 miles west of Wheaton. Here you will be able to pick up at any time during the planting season some nice bargains in small and large evergreens, trees, shrubs and flowers.

Spreading Yew.

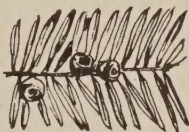
Of all the Yews this one is probably planted more than any other. The rich, dark green color remains the same throughout the year. It is very hardy and easy to transplant, and produces beautiful red berries, which cling to the plant a considerable length of time. The Spreading Yew is best used in the foundation planting where an informal effect is desired or in a shady location, such as the north side, under awnings, in corners or under trees.

We offer strong, twice transplanted trees
10-15 inches
2 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Hicks Yew.

The Hicks Yew is of columnar form with branches ascending almost vertically, giving the tree an pleasing columnar narrow shape. In form it resembles somewhat the Irish Juniper but of course it is more hardy. Foliage is of a good, rich, dark glossy green color. This Yew produces an abundance of red berries. The Hicks Yew was introduced by the Hicks Nursery, Long Island, N. Y., hence its name. It is one of the most widely known variety of the Japanese Yew. It is now extensively planted and greatly appreciated.



The landscape uses of the Hicks Yew are many. Entrance, foundation, specimen, groups and above all hedges. It is indeed the best plant for a narrow evergreen hedge. Very little trimming is needed. If planted as a hedge distance should be about 18 inches.

We offer twice transplanted, field-grown trees, about 12 inches high.

Each : 60¢ -- 2 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

We also have some larger trees, about 18 inches high, three times transplanted which we offer at the extremely low price of \$ 1.00 each.



Pfitzer Juniper.

One of the best low growing evergreens. Easy to transplant and practically free from disease and pests. Used in foundation plantings, specimen and for hedges. Withstands city conditions and tolerates partly shade.

Heavy field grown plants, 12 inches--Each: 55¢ - 2 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Andorra Juniper.

Andorra Juniper is one of the best low growing evergreens. Summer and spring color is bright green in fall and winter a purple hue spreads all over the plant. Used for foundation planting, also on banks to keep the soil from washing away.

10-12 inch plants, twice transplanted
Each: 40¢ -- 3 for only \$1.00 Postpd.



Savin Juniper.

A splendid low growing Juniper. Foliage is dark green. Grows almost anywhere. Endures smoke and other adverse City conditions. Forms an excellent border for larger evergreens. Valuable for planting in severe angles and up steep slopes. Very hardy.

10-12 inch plants, twice transplanted.
Each: 40¢-- 3 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Koster Juniper.

Koster Juniper is a semi dwarf evergreen, resembling strongly the Pfitzer Juniper. However it does not grow as tall and wide. Landscape uses are the same as of the Pfitzer Juniper; under windows, in front of larger evergreens, in the rock garden, in fact in all places where not too much space is available. Its graceful branches makes it a most desirable plant.

We offer nice plants, 12 inches --- Each 55¢ --- 2 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Norway Spruce.

A well known tree of great hardiness. A favorite because of its rapid growth, dense deep green foliage and graceful form. Fine for specimen, group or windbreaks.

Special sale on heavy trees, 18-24 inches high, field grown.

Each: 55¢ - 2 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Black Hills Spruce.

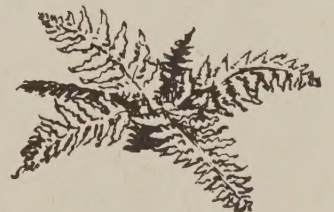
No finer Spruce can be found than the Black Hills Spruce. Grows very compact. Color is a rich green some dense blue. Fine for lawn specimen. The ideal Christmas tree.

Special sale on heavy trees, 12-18 inches high, field grown.

Each: 55¢ - 2 for \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



Bargain in ferns



Ferns are very useful and decorative in planting the homegrounds. Particularly in shady location. Be sure and include some ferns in your planting. They are hardy.

Ostrich Fern. - This is one of the largest native fern. Its fronds reach a height from 2-7 feet. Easy to transplant and grows in shade as well as in sunny locations. The Ostrich fern is getting scarce and should be planted more to preserve its unusual charm.

Evergreen or Christmas Fern. - One of the showiest ferns. Prefers a somewhat shady position. The rich green fronds reach a height of 1-3 feet. It stays green practically the year around.

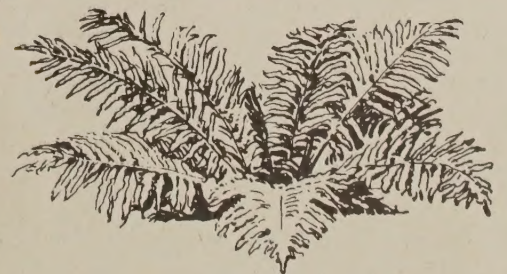
Lady Fern. - The name Lady fern or the Queen of the ferns dates back to time when this plant was thought to bear the mystic fern seed held to make the possessor invisible. Of medium growth, 2-3 ft. One of the easiest fern to grow. Tolerates full sun or shade.

Osmunda or Interrupted Fern. - It is believed the name Osmunda is after Osmund the waterman, who during the invasion of the Danes hid his family in a clump of this fern. Height of fronds 2-4 feet. Very hardy.

Bargain Fern Collection.

- 5 Lady Ferns
- 4 Ostrich Ferns
- 2 Osmunda Ferns
- 1 Christmas Fern

\$ 2.75 Postpaid.



Dundee Juniper.

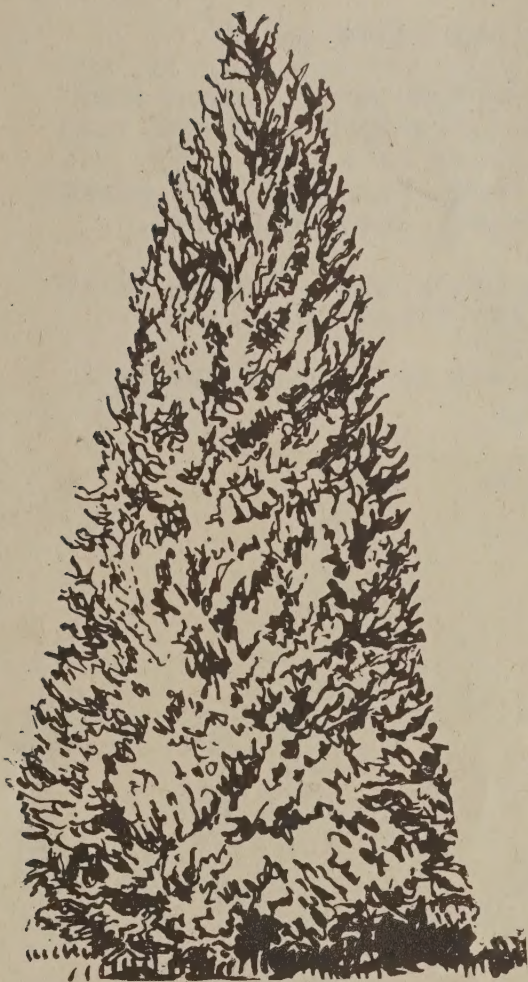
One of the most splendid of the newer evergreens is the beautiful Dundee Juniper. Its summer color is a rich bluish-green, but it is its winter color which is so admired. It is a plumlike color which makes this evergreen so different.

The Dundee Juniper grows into a compact column, requiring practically no trimming. It is used in the foundation planting, for doorsteps, formal gardens, specimen or group planting.

Like all small grafted Junipers it is very scarce at present. However we are in a position to offer a limited supply of 1 year grafts to our customers.

We offer:

Dundee Juniper Grafts from 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch pots
Each 75¢ ----- 2 for \$ 1.30 Postpaid.



PLANTING

DIRECTIONS

The chief care to be taken during planting operations is to prevent the drying out of the roots. The fine rootlets of the young trees are extremely delicate and may be seriously injured even by a few minutes exposure to the sun or drying winds. It is best to keep the trees in an ordinary pail with enough muddy water to cover the roots. Trees should not be kept lying on the ground while a hole is being dug.

The hole should be made large enough to receive the roots without cramping them. The roots are inserted in the hole, spread out and loose soil firmly tamped with the hands. The tree should be set upright and planted to the same depth at which it grew in the nursery. This depth is indicated by a ring of light bark around the tree at ground level.

A test of proper planting is to give each tree a slight tug after setting. If the tree pulls up, it is not properly set. Failure to set the tree firmly and at the right depth usually results in death or stunting. After the tree is planted it should be watered and judicious watering should be done at least once each week, especially during the first year. Keep the ground around the tree cultivated. It keeps the weeds down and preserves the moisture.

TO OUR FRIENDS,

OLD AND NEW

Our evergreens can be successfully transplanted in Spring and in Fall. The Spring planting season starts about the first of April and lasts until the beginning of June. The Fall planting season starts early in September and lasts until the ground freezes solidly.

Our trees are packed in damp moss and wrapped in waterproof paper. Shipment will be made at the proper time for planting.

If any stock proves untrue to name it will be either exchanged or purchase price will be returned, but in no case will we be responsible for any sum greater than the original purchase price.

We guarantee our trees to be free from disease and in the best growing condition, but we do not give any guarantee as to the growth of stock. Your care will determine your success in growing any plant or tree.

No order accepted under \$1.00 and please do not send stamps.

We will pay all shipping charges except where noted otherwise.

Detailed planting instructions are furnished with each order.